

Minutes of the Land Use, Parks and Environment Committee - April 1, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chair Kolb.

Present: Chair Walter Kolb, County Board Supervisors Pauline Jaske, James Jeskewitz, Scott Klein, Vera Stroud, Daniel Pavelko (arrived at 8:35 a.m.), Matt Thomas (arrived at 8:37 a.m.)

Staff Present: Legislative Policy Advisors Mark Mader and Dave Krahn, Legislative Associate Sandra Meisenheimer

Also Present: Parks and Land Use Director Dale Shaver, Parks System Manager Jim Kavemeier, Planning & Zoning Manager Dick Mace

Public Present: Francis Roskopf and Ben Roskopf of Hartford, Wisconsin

Approve Minutes of March 18, 2003

Motion: Jeskewitz moved, second by Klein, to approve the minutes of 3/18/03. **Motion carried 5 – 0.**

Read Correspondence

Kolb addressed the following items:

1. Letter from Matt Moroney of Metropolitan Builders Assn. to Director Shaver regarding the Parks and Open Space Plan.
2. Memo advising that the Wisconsin High School Golf Coaches Assn. has awarded the Waukesha County Golf Course with the best Junior Golf Program in the State.
3. Letter from Town of Merton Chairman Richard Morris to Director Bolte regarding the “KE” re-alignment.

Executive Committee Report

Kolb reviewed items that were discussed and/or considered at the last meeting on March 31, 2003.

Parkland Acquisition Program

Shaver and Kavemeier were present to give an overview of the program. Shaver stated they tried over the winter to do some analysis on property tax impacts from acquisition of parkland, etc. The analysis indicates that the property values increase in areas surrounding our parkland acquisitions. That increase enhances our tax base. From a historical standpoint what has been done by Waukesha County is unique in Wisconsin in that the county put together a plan that identifies parcels for acquisition. Then when the planning staff is approached, the acquisition can proceed according to the plan.

Kavemeier continued with a power point of the Park and Open Space Plan, which was adopted in 1990 and amended in 1998. He stated it is updated every five years and then adopted by the County Board. The purpose in doing this is to meet State requirements for parkland and recreation grants and also to provide a guide for the growth and preservation of lands within Waukesha County by communicating not only to the citizens but to the County Board. He went on to cover the following areas: Natural Areas and Critical Species Habitat Protection and Management Plan, Parks System Vision Statement, Preservation Objectives, Greenway Planning, Legacy Parkland Acquisition Program, Impact of Parkland on Property Tax Revenue, Public Opinion on Parkland Acquisition, Parks System Background, Parks System Overview, Parkland Development, Natural Resource-Based Activities, and Park and Open Space Plan – What’s Next?

Jaske commented that the reason Waukesha County is positioned so well in getting State funds has to do with good planning. Kavemeier said there also is a good relationship with the community assistance people with the State who provide information.

Kavemeier stated the Park and Open Space Plan will be updated in 2003. They plan to get all of the local park boards involved in order to work together to understand the roles and responsibilities. They would like to incorporate all of the municipal park and open space plans into the county plan and will ask the municipalities to do likewise so there is consistency.

Consider Proposed Ordinance: 157-O-139 Amend the Text of the Town of Brookfield Zoning Code Relating to Non-Conforming Uses, Structure and Lots, and Allowing Certain Lots with Less than Required Offsets and Setbacks to be Considered Conforming (ZT-1475)

Mace pointed out a typographical error in line 2 of the "Park and Planning Commission Action" page where Mukwonago is referenced -- it should be "Brookfield". Mace reviewed the issues behind the text amendment for the Town of Brookfield Zoning Code. The Planning staff is recommending approval. This is a fairly insignificant change to the Zoning Ordinance. It allows for an administrative procedure to be provided along with due process to affected property owners within 300 ft. of the property and is an appropriate amendment to be made to the Town of Brookfield Zoning Code.

Motion: Jeskewitz moved, second by Thomas, to approve Proposed Ordinance 157-O-139.

Motion carried 7 – 0.

Consider Proposed Ordinance: 157-O-140 Amend the Provision of the Shoreland and Floodland Subdivision Control Ordinance for Waukesha County, Wisconsin

Mace stated this request is being made by the staff in order to bring the county shoreland and floodland subdivision ordinance into compliance with the recommendations of the Waukesha County Land Development Work Group. He stated the checklist that was developed is now being requested to be incorporated formally into the shoreland and floodland subdivision ordinance as well.

Motion: Thomas moved, second by Pavelko, to approve Proposed Ordinance 157-O-140. **Motion carried 7 – 0.**

Motion to adjourn: Jeskewitz moved, second by Pavelko, to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 a.m.
Motion carried 7 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Pauline T. Jaske
Secretary

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